But you should be encouraged only by the fact that they are working. But there are no breakthroughs, no reason for hope, no reason for despair.

NOTE: The President spoke at 10:42 a.m. in the Oval Office at the White House. A tape was not available for verification of the content of these remarks.

Digest of Other White House Announcements

The following list includes the President's public schedule and other items of general interest announced by the Office of the Press Secretary and not included elsewhere in this issue.

September 9

In the morning, the President met with Prime Minister Ehud Barak of Israel in New York City. Later, he traveled to Flushing Meadows, NY, where he attended the U.S. Open tennis tournament. In the afternoon, he traveled to New York City.

September 11

In the morning, the President traveled to Scarsdale, NY, and in the afternoon, he traveled to Danbury, CT. In the evening, he traveled to New York City and Chappaqua, NY.

The President announced his intention to nominate Toni Fay to be a member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for National and Community Service.

The President announced his intention to nominate Melvin E. Clark, Jr., to be a member of the Board of Governors for the Overseas Private Investment Corporation.

The President announced his intention to nominate Elwood (Elgie) Holstein, Jr., to be Assistant Secretary for Oceans and Atmosphere, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, at the Department of Commerce.

The President announced his intention to nominate Michael Prescott Goldwater, Hans Mark, and Lynda Hare Scribante to be members of the Board of Trustees of the Barry Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Foundation.

September 12

In the morning, the President and Hillary Clinton visited the Douglas Grafflin Elementary School, where they voted in the New York Democratic senatorial primary. Later, the President returned to Washington, DC.

The President announced his intention to nominate Nina Archabal, Betty Bengtson, Ron Chew, Henry Glassie, Mary Hubbard, Naomi Shihab Nye, and Vicki Ruiz to be members of the National Council on the Humanities.

September 13

The President announced his intention to nominate Edward Francis Meagher to be Assistant Secretary for Information Technology at the Department of Veterans Affairs.

The White House announced that the President will travel to Philadelphia, PA, on September 17, to California on September 23–25, and to Texas on September 27.

The White House announced that Prime Minister Guiliano Amato will make an official working visit to the White House on September 20.

September 14

The President announced his intention to nominate Sheryl R. Marshall and Thomas A. Fink to be members of the Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board.

The President announced his intention to nominate Paulette H. Holahan to be a member of the National Commission on Libraries and Information Science.

The President declared a disaster in California and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by an earthquake on September 3.

The White House announced that the President will attend the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) eighth economic leaders meeting on November 15–16 in Bandar Seri Begawan, Brunei. After the meeting, the President will travel to Vietnam to meet with President Tran Duc Luong.

September 15

The White House announced that the President will travel to Flint, MI, on September 21.

Nominations Submitted to the Senate

The following list does not include promotions of members of the Uniformed Services, nominations to the Service Academies, or nominations of Foreign Service officers.

Submitted September 12

Steven E. Achelpohl,

of Nebraska, to be U.S. District Judge for the District of Nebraska, vice William G. Cambridge, retired.

Joel Gerber,

of Virginia, to be a Judge of the U.S. Tax Court for a term of 15 years after he takes office (reappointment).

Stephen J. Swift,

of Virginia, to be a Judge of the U.S. Tax Court for a term of 15 years after he takes office (reappointment).

Submitted September 13

Richard W. Anderson,

of Montana, to be U.S. District Judge for the District of Montana, vice Charles C. Lovell, retired.

Submitted September 14

Nina M. Archabal,

of Minnesota, to be a member of the National Council on the Humanities for a term expiring January 26, 2006, vice Nicholas Kanellos, term expired.

Betty G. Bengtson,

of Washington, to be a member of the National Council on the Humanities for a term expiring January 26, 2006, vice Ramon A. Gutierrez, term expired.

Ron Chew,

of Washington, to be a member of the National Council on the Humanities for a term expiring January 26, 2006, vice Robert I. Rotberg, term expired.

Melvin E. Clark, Jr.,

of the District of Columbia, to be a member of the Board of Directors of the Overseas

Private Investment Corporation for a term expiring December 17, 2002 (reappointment).

Toni G. Fay,

of New Jersey, to be a member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for National and Community Service for a term expiring October 6, 2001, vice John Rother, term expired.

Thomas A. Fink,

of Alaska, to be a member of the Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board for a term expiring October 11, 2003 (reappointment).

Henry Glassie,

of Indiana, to be a member of the National Council on the Humanities for a term expiring January 26, 2006, vice Martha Congleton Howell, term expired.

Michael Prescott Goldwater,

of Arizona, to be a member of the Board of Trustees of the Barry Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Foundation for a term expiring October 13, 2005, vice William W. Quinn, resigned.

Elwood Holstein, Jr.,

of New Jersey, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere, vice Terry D. Garcia, resigned.

Mary D. Hubbard,

of Alabama, to be a member of the National Council on the Humanities for a term expiring January 26, 2004, vice Theodore S. Hamerow, term expired.

Stephen B. Lieberman,

of Pennsylvania, to be U.S. District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, vice Edward N. Cahn, retired.

Hans Mark,

of Texas, to be a member of the Board of Trustees of the Barry Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Foundation for the remainder of the term expiring April 17, 2002 (reappointment).

Sheryl R. Marshall,

of Massachusetts, to be a member of the Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board